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Winter in San Francisco brings rain.....no, sunshine....no, rain again. Well, whatever weather it brings, San Francisco Maritime National historical Park, your national park on the historic waterfront is open daily and presents many tours, special programs and events for the whole family! Celebrate national Women's History Month, tour the fleet of historic vessels at Hyde Street Pier, research history in the Maritime Library and view historic photographs and documents, and discover your maritime heritage through the Klebingat Lecture Series.

Hyde Street Pier and the Visitor Center are open daily 9:30-5:00, and the Maritime Museum lobby (other floors closed for renovation) open daily 10:00-4:00. The Maritime Library and Historic Documents department is open by appointment only, Monday through Friday, and on the third Saturday, 1:00-4:00. Fees for boarding the historic vessels at Hyde Street Pier: Adults, \$5. Ages 15 and

under, free. Free with national park passes. Ticket booth located halfway along the pier.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Discover the roles women have played in maritime history, with an exhibit and programs throughout the month of March. Read about women in maritime history through books and documents in the park collections. For more information on the events listed below, please call 415-447-5000, or visit the park's website at <http://www.nps.gov/safr/historyculture/maritimewomenhistory.htm>.

Women Who Changed Maritime History

In the Visitor Center, 499 Jefferson Street, corner of Hyde Street. Open daily, 9:30am-5:00pm. Free admission. Wheelchair Accessible. Information: 415-447-5000.

Photo exhibition illustrating the often overlooked impact women have had on maritime history.

Suffragette March

Saturday, March 12, Noon, and repeated at 3:00pm. On Hyde Street Pier. Free. Turn back the clock to 1901 and experience a costumed reenactment of a suffragette march in support of votes for women. Hold a sign and join the marchers (a limited number of signs are available), or let your voice be heard from the sidelines.

Ladies Salon

Saturday, March 12, 2:00pm, in the Lewis Ark houseboat, Hyde Street Pier. Free. Information: 415-447-5000.

Join a salon of Victorian women as they discuss the issues of the day (in 1901). Corsetry, the effects of the Spanish American War, and voting rights will be a few of the issues discussed. Join in and voice your own opinion!

The Captain And His Wife

Sundays, March 13 and 27, 3:00pm-3:45pm. Aboard the historic ship *Balclutha*, Hyde Street Pier. Vessel admission fees apply: Adults, \$5. Ages 15 and under, free. Free with national park passes. Information: 415-447-5000.

Discover family life at sea, when captains would often sail with their wives and children during the Age of Sail, on this tour through the *Balclutha*.

Women's Maritime History Books and Documents

In the Maritime Library and Historic Documents collections. Fort Mason Center, Bldg. E, 3rd Floor. Open by appointment only, M-F and the third Saturday of each month, 1-4pm. Appointments: please call 415-561-7030. The library is wheelchair accessible by elevator.

The park's archival, library, and artifact collections contain a number of documents, photographs, books and artifacts that tell the story of maritime women, including those along the Pacific Coast. Come and explore, investigate, delve into and learn more about the lives of these fascinating women. Here are just small samplings of what's available in the collections:

For books on women at sea during the Age of Sail, some of the titles in the Maritime Library are, by Joan Druett, *Hen Frigates: Wives of Merchant Seamen*; and also by Druett, *She Was A Sister Sailor: The Whaling Journals of Mary Brewster, 1845-1851*, and *Petticoat Whalers: Whaling Wives At Sea*. Dorothea Balano, *Log Of The Skipper's Wife*. Basil Greenhill and Ann Giffard, *Women Under Sail: Letters and Journals 1829-1949*. Pamela Eriksson, *The Life And Death Of The Duchess*. Linda DePauw, *Seafaring Women*, Suzanne J. Stark, *Female Tars: Women Aboard Ship in the Age of Sail*, Fred B. Duncan, *Deepwater Family*, James W. Belano, *Log of a Skipper's Wife*, Stephen A. Haller, *Families At Sea: An Examination of the Rich Lore of "Lady Ships" and "Hen Frigates,"* and from the Navy side: Josette Wingo, *Mother Was A Gunner's Mate*, and Susan Goodson, *Serving Proudly: A History Of Women In The United States Navy*.

Historic documents available include the sea journal kept by Anna Evelyn Henry (HDC 1259 and HDC 1487) during her 1917-1918 voyages aboard the schooner *Henry Wilson*. Anna sailed with her husband, Captain Joseph P. Henry, and their two children from from Tacoma, Washington to Australia and then Bristol Bay.

The Maritime Library has a collection of videos and DVDs which can be viewed in the library, including *Shipping Out: The Story of America's Seafaring Women*, produced by Maria Brooks.

For non-sailing adventures, women who worked in the maritime industries during World War II are well represented in the Marinship Corporation Records (HDC 0909), the Nielsen Family Papers (HDC 1210), and the Kaiser Richmond Shipyard Number Two photograph collection (P94-0028). For published books on this subject, see Penny Colman, *Rosie The Riveter: Women Working on the Homefront In World War II*, Charles Wollenberg, *Marinship At War: Shipbuilding and Social Change in Wartime Sausalito*, and Katherine Archibald, *Wartime Shipyard: A Study of Social Disunity*.

In The Maritime Store

2905 Hyde Street, at entrance to Hyde Street Pier. Open daily, 9:30am-5:30pm. 415-775-2665 .

Janice Timbrook, editor, *Diary of a Sea Captain's Wife: Tales of Santa Cruz Island*. \$12.95, and Alton Pryor, *Fascinating Women in California History*. \$11.95.

KLEBINGAT LECTURE SERIES: *Morning of Fire - John Kendrick's Daring American Odyssey in the Pacific*

Saturday, March 12, 6:00pm. In the Maritime Library, Fort Mason Center, Bldg. E, 3rd Floor. Donation: \$5 (general public), \$4, Library Friends and SFMNPA members). Information and reservations: 415-561-7040. Wheelchair accessible by elevator.

Author Scott Ridley will discuss his recently published book, *Morning of Fire* - a

historical nonfiction account of maritime legend John Kendrick, as he voyaged from post-Revolutionary America around Cape Horn and up the Pacific Coast, commanding the ships *Columbia Rediviva* and *Lady Washington*. These were the first ships to round Cape Horn under the American flag.

C.A. THAYER UPDATE

Preservation Shipwright Jeffrey Morris reports:

Thayer's winter cover has been completed and survived a number of winter systems, sustaining gusts in excess of 40 mph! Having the cover has allowed aft house restoration to continue and is helping to prevent further decay of the historic paneling inside the aft house. The house interior and paneling (currently stored in the hold) has been borate treated. The aft bulkhead of the aft house has been demolished in preparation for the new bulkhead timbers to be installed. I have begun fabricating the first of the two aft bulkhead timbers and should have it in place by the end of February, with the second timber in place shortly thereafter.

LINKS

<http://www.nps.gov/safr/> San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park

<http://www.maritime.org> San Francisco Maritime National Park Association, the park's nonprofit member-supported cooperating association.

<http://www.library.nps.gov> The Maritime Library catalog.

<http://www.museum.nps.gov/safr/page.htm>. The park museum catalog records.

<http://www.maritimelibraryfriends.org>. The Maritime Library's nonprofit member-supported cooperating association.

<http://www.hydestreetlivinghistory.org> The park Living History Program's volunteer created and managed website.

<http://www.corsair-viking.org>. The San Francisco Sea Scouts, the park's neighboring partner in Aquatic Park.